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To: HarborComments
Subject: Portland Harbor CERLCA comment

Dear US EPA,

The clean-up plan for the Portland Harbor Superfund (aka CERCLA) sites misses the ball, and needs a number of revisions. A partial cleanup is inadequate to protect future generations, and is frankly a waste of funds.

1. Please remove the contamination in at least the amounts listed here:

- a. 571.7 acres by dredging
- b. 184.7 acres of capping
- c. 19.5 acres of Enhanced Monitored Recovery
- d. 1,391 acres of Monitored Natural Recovery

2. I want to emphasize the need for the above levels of construction, plus modifications to include additional acres of dredging where we think toxicity levels, public usage or other factors warrant additional dredging. A partial cleanup is inadequate to protect future generations.

3. Please remove the contamination completely from the river and do not put it back in a different area of the river. Instead, please place it in a proper facility like the Roosevelt or Wasco Facilities. Recontamination would render the upcoming efforts wasted and would not adequately restore river useability.

4. Please monitor the air and water quality during cleanup to protect the neighbors, workers, and wildlife.

5. When completed, I want healthy fish in the 11 miles of the study area. "Healthy" is defined as entirely edible without an advisory. Institutional controls are not protective. The health of the fish must be verified according to the Oregon Health Authority.

6. In addition to other fish, lamprey must be included in the monitoring. Lamprey are a critical component in the local ecosystem and to native diets and culture. Peoples who depend on lamprey are especially susceptible to heavy metals that are not cleaned from the CERCLA sites, as heavy metals are bioaccumulated in fatty tissues and lamprey are highly fatty. Exclusion of lamprey monitoring and reporting is a direct dismissal of the local indigenous peoples and their large presence in the Portland region.

7. I encourage you to hold the polluters who caused the contamination, and profited from their ability to cheaply dump toxic waste into a public resource, to pay for the cleanup.

8. Please make the government representatives and entities adhere to the requests of the community in protection of the citizens and wildlife.

9. I implore you to add an additional 120 days to the comment period to allow for further research by local groups and indigenous bands to produce alternative recommendations to the current plan. As these groups operate on low staff and funding, the additional time will allow for better representation in the research and comment process of marginalized populations.

Sincerely,

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